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WORTH CONSIDERING.

The question of the limitation of inheritance, which has been recently argued in New York, is well worthy of consideration. The enormous masses of money, or rather of interests which fall as heirship to irresponsible persons are one of the present dangers of the modern system. The results of what might happen are very clearly set forth in the celebrated story "When the Sleeper Awakes," where present combinations of labor saving make the rich ever richer, and the poor ever poorer, working upon the planes that we are now doing. The story of "When the Sleeper Awakes," has not the vogue which Bellamy's "Looking Backward" had, because Bellamy's was utterly Utopian and pandered to that hope which is inherent in the human breast, the hope which is to right every wrong, and bring human nature to complete heavenly fruition.

The argument used by President Walter J. Logan in his address to the New York State Bar Association curiously deals with exactly such a phase as is discussed in Mr. Well's novel. President Logan has nothing to do with the right of a person to accumulate all he can in his life time, and spending his accumulations as he will. He does, however, object to the transmission of these accumulations by will or inheritance after death.

He says: "A live man's claim to live in the house that he has built has its foundation in the best of logic, but the claim of a man of the right to live there after he is dead, or to dictate as to who shall continue to occupy it when he can have no more need of it himself, has no such clear, logical basis. The earth is barely large enough for the people who are living on it now. If it is to be incumbered by the corpses or the spirits or the testaments of all who have gone before live people will have a poor show."

But one is apt to think that President Logan does not go far enough. He is sound enough about dead men, but he is by no means sound about live men and combinations of live men. He would reduce dead men's fortunes, if he sees the true tendency of the world, he would argue to reduce live men's fortunes. There is never a charitable deed done by Rockefeller of the oil trust, but what one thinks of the thousands of homes wrecked by that relentless corporation, and one considers that every dollar given of all the millions that have been poured forth for education and charity, is splashed with the blood of a ruined homestead. To know how true this is read "Wealth versus Commonwealth," a book that has never been refuted, and which is terrible in its realistic and plain statement of fact.

In the middle ages the dying Baron used to deed his ill gotten lands in a small part to the church, and thus hoped and often believed he saved his soul. He would endow a chapel where, as Ingoldsby says,

"Twenty-four monks and twenty-four buns,
 Would feed upon lettuce and hot cross buns."

But the modern sinner, builds no chapel. He has no candles, no bell, or other paraphernalia, but he endows libraries, and universities, and then his trustees carefully go to work and try to gag free thought in them. It is doubtful whether the modern sinner is a quarter as honest as the mediaeval blackguard.

If it could be so arranged that neither individuals nor corporations could grasp the enormous powers they now are able to grasp and to transmit, it might be considerably to the advantage of the generality of the human race. But we all have to pass through an evolution, and our own era is no more stable than many eras that have preceded ours. The Cynic, looking on says "Cui bono," or rather he said it two thousand years ago, and the echo comes to us through those dead and silent avenues of time.

WHAT TO AIM FOR.

The guiding of a state or of a territory into the true line of prosperity and of advancement is one of the most important functions of citizenship. How that guiding can be done is a question which is open to the very strongest debate, and no one has ever yet found a solution. It is as an insoluble a problem in London, Paris or Washington as it is in Hawaii. The reason? That is easy to solve. Men do not and cannot think alike. A majority rules for a time, that majority lessens naturally, another majority arises which makes the former majority a minority, and there is an overturn, and so the kaleidoscope changes come along. We have this advantage now that we belong to the biggest kaleidoscope in the world the United States of America.

In the present acrimony of parties, the strong feeling of a powerful voting majority, against the equally strong feeling of an active minority, representing vital and practically in-

dispensable interests, the true advancement of the country may be lost or wrecked, or at the best hindered. What all Hawaiians, whether by birth or adoption desire, is the advancement of the Territory. They want to see the people of the Territory increasing in wealth, increasing in the comforting attributes of life, increasing in material and intellectual prosperity.

There are those who tell us that intellectual superiority comes from poverty. Sometimes, many times, genius leaps the bar of intellectual culture, but as a rule all that is beautiful in art comes from rigid training. All that is valuable in the business world comes from far more rigid training. All that is valuable in every branch of life comes from the same rigid though surmountable work.

Work is the watch word of mankind. It is the misfortune of mankind that a large almost an incalculable majority regard work as the evil of mankind. That is because mankind is utterly oblivious of its advantages, utterly oblivious of its own real happiness. Work is the true happiness of the world. It is work which braces the muscles of the laborer, and it is work which makes the brain cells do far more thinking than they would do if conditions were changed. Work is a blessed thing to humanity, even if it is sordid. In work and mechanical skill is always the chance of moving upward.

But the conditions are plain as far the Territory of Hawaii is concerned. There can be no doubt as to what every Hawaiian Senator and Legislator is asked to do. The advancement of the Territory in the Union is what everyone is interested, be he Independent, Democrat or Republican. Had the Territory gone Republican, it would have, under the circumstances, undoubtedly been to its advantage. Its voters did not consider that such a proposition was a good one, and the majority voted a Home Rule ticket. With this no one can find fault, though many can and do find reason for criticism.

But being as we are, what is the good of keeping up the antagonism of election. That feeling was strong for the time but should be got rid of very shortly after the polls are closed. What is it that parties are fighting for? It should certainly be for principle. A large number of people may be apt to say for place. If this be so the sooner parties disintegrate the better. If this is what the leaders are aiming after, the sooner their efforts are wrecked the better.

One has a higher appreciation of our political parties than this. One still believes that, in spite of evidences at times to the contrary that fairness and honor rule in the minds of the bulk of men. The Independent party, though opposed in toto to the politics of the Star, still commands and acquires its respect by the fairness of its procedure. It is absurd to imagine that a whole Territory is going to be united upon any one government project. But it would be equally absurd for the Territory not to know what it wanted from Congress and by course of countervailing suggestions, lose what should have been gained.

Robert Wilcox is our delegate in Congress. We are gaining nothing by discrediting Wilcox. The average Easterner imagines here thousands of Wilcoxes, and other gentlemen similarly gifted. It is no use repudiating Wilcox.

What you have to deal with, you have to meet. If it is not palatable it can be swallowed. The good of the Territory is what we are after, and factious opposition is not going to take us to our goal.

The House has passed its first bill. As far as the House is concerned it is a most important one; as soon as the Governor signs it, there will be a loosening up of the purse strings and things will run more smoothly. It is hard to work and to have no cash in sight.

The mysterious sealing schooner came quietly to Honolulu, paid her dues, got her water supply and then went on her way rejoicing. Captain Macauley was not carried off to the Alaska Seas, there to be marooned upon a desolate island. But this by no means clears the mystery of those other schooners which stayed so long at Waimea. However if the customs authorities are satisfied, no one else has a kick coming.

The Senate had a big lot of bills sprung upon it today. The Territory won't be short of new laws, if all that are proposed pass. But as everybody is supposed to know the law, what a great deal of work will have to be done by the average citizen to keep up with the numerous innovations proposed. Is it possible that sixty days will finish up the business of House and Senate. It does not look as if the time would suffice.

The visiting Shriners, who will be here in a few days, will make quite a gay time for the city. They are to be housed at the new hotel at Waikiki, and will take the first good account of it back to the mainland. At the present time it is almost impossible to obtain hotel room in Honolulu. Not only are the acknowledged hotels full, but most of the lodging houses are full too. There is a big business in this direction during the season. The sooner our people recognize that there is a season the better. Plenty of places understand that there is work for such a length of time, and then quit for a vacation or go elsewhere to ply their work. Our people should understand this.

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